BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-137-W/S - ORDER NO. 96-617



SEPTEMBER 6, 1996

ORDER GRANTING IN RE: Application of TEGA CAY WATER SERVICE,) INC., for Approval of an Increase REQUEST FOR)) NIGHT HEARING in Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Service.

On June 27, 1996, Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. ("Tega Cay" the "Company") filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") an Application for the approval for an increase in water and sewer rates and charges its customers in the Tega Cay Subdivision located in York County, South Carolina. Pursuant to Commission Rules and Regulations, the Commission's Executive Director instructed Tega Cay to publish a prepared Notice of Filing in newspapers of general circulation in the area affected by the Application and to furnish a copy of the Notice of Filing to each customer. purpose of the Notice of Filing was to inform interested parties of the Application and of the manner and time in which to file the appropriate pleadings for participation in the proceedings.

Commission has received a request from Representative Becky Meacham that the hearing be held in Tega Cay so that the residents of that area who may be affected by the Company's Application may attend the hearing and present testimony and/or evidence. Additionally, the Commission has received various letters of protest and Petitions to Intervene in this matter.

Upon consideration of this request for a local hearing, the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that a local hearing held in the area affected by the instant Application is in the public interest. Therefore, in response to the request by Representative Meacham, the Commission concludes that a night hearing should be scheduled in the Tega Cay area for this Docket. The night hearing shall be an extension of the hearing scheduled to be held at the Commission on Wednesday, October 24, 1996, at 10:30 A.M.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. A night hearing shall be held in the Tega Cay area in reference to this Docket.
- 2. The Commission Staff shall schedule the night hearing and find a suitable location for the night hearing.
- 3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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